

May 24, 2006

By E-File

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CTC Communications Group, Inc./Choice One Communications  
Inc./Conversent  
WC DK No. 06-85, DA 06-995  
ITC-T/C-20060410-00227  
ITC-T/C-20060410-00228  
ITC-T/C-20060410-00229

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") with the concurrence of the Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), requests that the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") defer action on the applications of CTC Communications Group, Inc., ("CTC Group"), Choice One Communications Inc. ("Choice One") and Conversent (together "Applicants") to transfer control of domestic and international section 214 authorizations under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 held by the CTC Group subsidiaries and the Choice One Subsidiaries as a result of the acquisition of Conversent by CTC Group and Choice One. We ask that the FCC defer these actions until such time as DOJ, FBI, and DHS (i) notify the Commission that potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues raised by the application have or have not been resolved, and (ii) on that basis, request appropriate action by the Commission. Necessarily, DOJ, FBI, and DHS also request that the Commission remove the application from streamlined processing.

After receiving notice of the applications, DOJ, FBI, and DHS have been in contact with the Applicant and have received information related to national security, law enforcement, and public safety concerns. DOJ, FBI, and DHS is

reviewing the information, but are not yet in a position to address these concerns. DOJ, FBI, and DHS will act expeditiously and will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of our review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ STEWART A. BAKER

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